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A MAN diesel engine of 3,000 HP recently salvaged from one of the German warships sunk in Swinemuende harbor at the end of World War II, is now being taken apart for cleaning, examination, and reassembly at the Karl Liebknecht firm (formerly Buckau Wolf) in Magdeburg. The Russians have issued instructions that drawings be made of all the parts for the purpose of producing the copies as part of the reparations program. The engineers engaged in the task have so far reported that certain parts of the engine are too damaged to be used again and that their replacement is next to impossible since the high-quality material of which they are made is unobtainable. They state further that reproduction of other parts of the engine would be difficult for the same reason. The Russians are nevertheless insisting on the execution of their plan.

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1. Comment: Maschinenfabrik Augsburg-Nuernberg A.G.
2. Reproduction Comment: The Russian plan to copy the engine as part of the reparations program has been approved.

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